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SUBJECT: TONGSUN PARK TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

REF: A. CLARK/RICH TELECON FEB. 18; B. STATE 41758

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REF A, POL COUNS CLARK CALLED MOFA'S PAK SANG YONG MORNING FEB 18 TO REQUEST PRESENTATION OF PARK TONGSUN'S OLD PASSPORT SO THAT PREVIOUSLY ISSUED VISA COULD BE CANCELLED. PAK SAID ROK HAS INVALIDATED OLD PASSPORT CONTAINING VISA BUT, FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF NATURE OF U.S. VISA AND NEED TO CANCEL BEFORE PAROLE COULD BE GRANTED, AGREED TO HAVE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OBTAIN PASSPORT AND PRESENT IT FOR VISA CANCELLATION. SINCE INVALID PASSPORT NOW BEING HELD BY PARK TONGSUN, PAK DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN IT PRIOR TO MONDAY MORNING SEOUL TIME. POL COUNS AGREED TO BE AVAILABLE WHENEVER REQUIRED TO CANCEL VISA. PAK LATER CALLED TO SAY PARK'S B-1 48-MONTH VISA WAS ISSUED ON JULY 10, 1973, AND EXPIRED JULY 10, 1977. WE THEREFORE PLAN NO FURTHER ACTION.

2. RE PARA 3 REF B, POL COUNS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON PARK'S EXACT TRAVEL PLANS. PAK SAID DETAILS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY OR TUESDAY OF NEXT WEEK WHEN PARK PICKS UP NEW PASSPORT. POL COUNS REMINDED
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PAK OF AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR DIRECT TRAVEL ONLY TO U.S. PAK RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT TRAVEL WOULD BE DIRECT AND ROKG WOULD NOT EVEN PERMIT PAK TO TRANSIT JAPAN EN ROUTE TO U.S.
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